**Golden Quadrangle Scheme in Gujarat**

3220. SHRI LALIT BHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total length of the roads covered under the Golden Quadrangle Scheme in Gujarat;

(b) whether the Bamanbor-Samakhiyali Segment of National Hig'p ay-8 is included under the Golden Quadrangle Scheme of the Prime Minister in the State of Gujarat;

(c) if so, whether the financial allocatoin for the year 2000-2001 has beon made for the above referred Segment in (b) above; and

(d) if not, when the financial allocation is to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) 527 Km.

(b) No, Sir. Bamanbor-Samakhiyali section is part of National Highway-8A and it forms part of East-West corridor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) National Highways Authority of India has undertaken the prioritisation study for projects on North-South and East-West corridors to enable formulation of detailed programme. However, the entire corridor is targetted for completion by 2009.

**Consturction of By-Passes in Madhya Pradesh**

†3221. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry from Madhya Pradesh for the construction of by-pass roads during the last three years;

(b) what decision has been taken by the Ministry thereon; and

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) the amount of funds required to be spent on the by-passes sanctioned for being constructed and by when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) 8 proposals were received for construction of by-pass on National Highways in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) It is proposed to take up works on these by-passes on BOT basis through private participation since adequate funds are not available for by-passes under the Plan.

(c) Demand-for-Grants 2000-2001 provides for Rs. 91.26 crore for expenditure on by-passes under construction. These are likely to be completed by the end of 2001.

**UNESCO Aided Projects in A.P.**

3222. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO has been approached by Government to fund various projects for preservation of old monuments by ASI;

(b) if so, what is the response of UNESCO;

(c) the projects which have been approved by the UNESCO for funding and patronage in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether ASI has added any sites/monuments in Andhra Pradesh to the list of heritage projects of national importance in the year 1999-2000; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Japanese Trust Fund is funding the conservation of Buddhist monuments at Sanchi and Satdhara, in Madhya Pradesh under a UNESCO project.

(c) No centrally protected monument in Andhra Pradesh has been approved for funding by the UNESCO.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.